PROJECT NAME: Salem City Solar Energy Project

**RECIPIENT: City of Salem** 

LOCATION: Salem, UT

PURPOSE: The City of Salem owns and operates its own electrical utility. With a focus on reducing electricity costs for both the City and its constituents, and on greening the City to better serve the environment as a whole, the proposed solar farm will enhance Salem's ability to meet its peak electrical demand and reduce its dependency on coal fired power plants. A site has been selected and the City requests federal funding for the planning and design of this proposed \$10 million project.

In his January 28, 2010 testimony to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, US Department of the Interior Secretary Salazar touted the virtues of sunlight both as a ready source of carbonless electricity and as a way to boost employment.

With these benefits in mind, the project will serve to reduce Salem City's dependency on coal fired power plants by utilizing a renewable energy source. This will also help offset electrical energy costs as they continually increased over time and boost employment during this economic crisis.

Requested funds will be allocated for the planning and design costs as detailed here:

Engineering

Planning \$200,000.00

Design \$50,000.00

Construction Management \$ 75,000.00

Startup \$ 20,000.00

AMOUNT: \$345,000